

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
CHARLOTTE MOIRA NORFOR  
ALLERTON, ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/916,099 ✓

FILING DATE: JULY 26, 2001 ✓

TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION  
OF PYRAZOLO[4,3-D]PYRIMIDIN-7-  
ONE COMPOUNDS AND  
INTERMEDIATES THEREOF ✓

Examiner: Berch, M.

Group Art Unit: 1626

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully  
request the following changes to the application:

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims 3 through 8 ✓

- a<sup>1</sup>
3. A process according to claim 2 which comprises reacting a compound of  
formula (IIIA) wherein X is ethoxy in the presence of n-butyl acetate and  
potassium carbonate in n-butanol.
4. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (IX)
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